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Report Highlights: What's New EH?...VANCLIEF CONTINUES TRADE MISSION IN MEXICO AND CHILE; **VANCLIEF SAYS U.S. FARM SUBSIDIES DAMPEN WTO TALKS AND NEW U.S. FOOD LABELING GUIDELINES COULD HURT TRADE; **GRAIN COMMISSION CHANGES FOREIGN GRAIN HANDLING REQUIREMENTS; ** FUNDING TO HELP STRENGTHEN B.C. FORESTRY MARKETS; **ETHANOL PLANTS TO BE BUILT IN SASKATCHEWAN; **SASKATCHEWAN HARVEST PROGRESSING SLOWLY; **CANADIAN'S EATING MORE VEGETABLES, OILS AND FATS AND FISH

Includes PSD changes: No
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This Week in Canadian Agriculture is a weekly review of Canadian agricultural industry developments of interest to the U.S. agricultural community. The issues summarized in this report cover a wide range of subject matter obtained from Canadian press reports, government press releases, and host country agricultural officials and representatives. Substantive issues and developments are generally also reported in detail in separate reports from this office.

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VANCLIEF DISCUSSES MARKET ACCESS ISSUES WITH MEXICAN AG MINISTER:

According to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, on October 12, Minister Lyle Vanclief met with Mexican Agriculture Secretary Javier Usabiaga to discuss trade between Canada and Mexico under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and ways to enhance the trading partnership. The two ministers discussed the January 2003 elimination of tariffs on almost all agricultural exports from Canada to Mexico, as well as the possible measures by the Mexican government to help the country's farmers deal with elimination of tariff protections. Mr.